Withdrawal of proposal for setting up of State Projects in Bijaipur, Madhya Pradesh

1536. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have withdrawn the proposal to set up the prestigious State Project in Bijaipur in Madhya Pradesh in the Joint sector; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited will go all alone in implementing this project; and

(c) if so, whether it will be very difficult to complete the project without extra assustabco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Gas Authority of India Ltd. are already implementing a project for extraction of LPG from natural gas to be transported through HBI Pipeline at Bijaipur. They also propose to set up a Project for production of propylene and polypropylene at Bijaipur.

No budgetory support is envisaged for both the projects.

Proposal to connect all production Centres in N.E. Region by Pipeline

1537. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to connect all production centres of natural gas in the North-Eastern Region by a pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the areas likely to be covered;

(c) what is the present total production of natural gas;

(d) to what extent the natural gas is used as an industrial and domestic fuel; and

(e) what will be the increased production of natural gas during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) GAIL have proposed to construct a trunk pipeline from Nahorkatiya upto Amguri; this pipeline is expected to be fed with gas from various fields in Upper Assam.

(c) The production of natural gas in Assam during 1988-89 was about 5.9 MMCMD.

(d) About 0.7 MMCMD of gas has been committed for use as industrial/domestic fuel. In addition 2.6 MMCMD of gas has also been committed for use as a fuel for power generation.

(e) During 1989-90, the production of natural gas in Assam is expected to be about 6 MMCMD.

Allotment of industrial plots at Patparganj, Delhi

1538. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3212 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) the total number of applications, groupwise, received by his Ministry for allotment of plots in the Functional Industrial Estates, Patparganj, Delhi during the last year; and

(b) by when and how these plots are to be allotted to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to Delhi Administration about 26,000 applications